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**Airmen First Class Vernon Millican and Toni Chapman** are all smiles as they get ready to take their wedding

vows on board a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during a training mission at Balad Southeast Airfield, Iraq.

## Airmen say 'I do' in Black Hawk

BALAD SOUTHEAST AIRFIELD, Iraq — Two airmen said “I do” above Iraqi soil in an Army UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter in November.

Airmen 1st Class **Vernon Millican** and **Toni Chapman**, both of the deployed security forces contingent here, pledged to spend the rest of their lives together before God and four of their friends during the helicopter's training mission.

After Airman Millican made an inquiry about the Army's flying missions, Army

Capt. **Keith Sandoval**, a pilot, gave the go-ahead, and off they went.

“I was glad they got to do their ceremony in my helicopter,” the pilot said.

Chaplain (Capt.) **John Von Almen** officiated after some initial hesitation.

“Once I realized how loving and committed to one another the couple was, my reservations subsided,” the chaplain said.

He presented the couple with a certificate commemorating the union. Since there is no formal government in Iraq to issue a marriage certificate, the United

States won't formally recognize the ceremony. Nonetheless, they said they will still celebrate their anniversary in November.

Both airmen have since returned to Minot Air Force Base, N.D. After their arrival, they had a civil ceremony formally recognized by the United States. They are assigned to the 5th Security Forces Squadron and met more than a year ago.

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## UK now requires entry clearance

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — New immigration regulations enacted by the United Kingdom require people visiting for more than six months to obtain entry clearance before travel.

These new rules apply to military family members, as well as civilian personnel, contractors and their families. Active duty military members on orders are exempt.

Military people with orders to the United Kingdom must ensure their family

members obtain no-fee passports, since they are required to be submitted to the British consulate along with the applications for entry clearance, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

Officials said processing an entry clearance is expected to take less than a week for “routine” applications, but may take as long as 45 days.

A fee is also required for each family member requiring an entry clearance. The fee is approximately \$125 at the cur-

rent exchange rate, payable in local currency, plus a \$16 fee for mailing costs.

Airmen may file for reimbursement of the fees on their travel voucher when they arrive at their new base. Civilian employees must have a transportation agreement to make a claim for reimbursement.

For more information, officials urge airmen to contact the passport or outbound assignments section at their local military personnel flight.